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**CARMEL MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO TRANSMITTING  
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY OVER INTERNET**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney John K. Vincent announced today that Robert Blair White, 57, of Carmel, pleaded guilty to 1 count of transmitting child pornography over the Internet. United States District Judge David F. Levi set the defendant's sentencing for November 8, 2001.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Laura L. Swartz, who is prosecuting the case, the defendant admitted that on May 30, 2000, while communicating on America Online ("AOL"), he transmitted an image file containing a minor male between the ages of 12 and 16 engaged in sexually explicit conduct. The defendant also admitted that he traveled to Sacramento with a digital camera to meet an undercover officer posing as a 14 year old boy. In addition, the defendant has agreed to the forfeiture of several items related to the indicted crimes, including his computer, computer equipment, and the 1992 Mercedes used to travel to Sacramento.

The maximum penalty under federal law for transmitting child pornography, the offense to which the defendant pleaded guilty, is 15 years imprisonment.

This case, which arose out of an undercover operation conducted by the Sacramento Police Department, is the product of an investigation by the Sacramento Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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